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Under an Act, to be cited as The Flag Act, passed at the 1968 Session of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta, a blue flag, with the shield of the armorial ensigns of the Province centered thereon was appointed and declared as the Flag of Alberta.

This Act was proclaimed in force by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the 1st day of June, 1968.

Flag Etiquette

It is appropriate that the Flag of Alberta should be flown or displayed not only by the Government of the Province but by Municipal Governments, private organizations and individuals. The generally established customs for official use which are set out below may be taken as a guide for the correct procedure to be followed when the Flag of Alberta is flown or displayed by itself, or in company with the National Flag or the flags of other provinces or nations.

When the Flag of Alberta is flown in a display which includes one or more other flags, the order of precedence is :

(a) The National Flag of Canada,

(b) The Flag of Alberta, and

(c) Other Flags.

The Flag of Alberta shall be treated with dignity and respect whenever and however it is displayed. It shall not be used for commercial purposes or as part of the decoration or design on any commercial product.

The Flag of Alberta may be displayed flat or flown on a staff. If flat, it may be hung horizontally or vertically. If it hangs vertically against a wall, it should be so placed that the upper part of the Coat of Arms is to the left, as seen by spectators.

When the Flag of Alberta is flown on the platform of an auditorium, it should be flown on the right of the speaker and, when it is flown in the body of an auditorium, to the right of the audience. If displayed flat, against a wall, it should be above and behind the speaker.

Flags flown together should be approximately the same size and flown from separate staffs of the same height.

The senior flag is normally flown on the left of a line of flags as seen by the spectator, with other flags, in order of seniority on its right, as seen by the spectator.

When three flags are flown together, the senior flag may occupy the central position with the next ranking flag to the left and the third ranking flag to the right, as seen by the spectator in front of the flags.

When more than three flags are flown together, the senior flag may be flown at either end of the line of flags.

When more than one flag is flown and it is not possible to hoist or lower them at the same time, the senior flag should be hoisted first and lowered last.

The Flag of Alberta may be flown at half-mast by Municipal Governments, by private organizations and by individuals on any occasion when the flag is being flown at half-mast on local government buildings.

Flags, including the Flag of Alberta, on government building, will be flown at half-mast in accordance with the following rules :

(a) In the case of the death of

(i) the Sovereign or a member of the immediate family of the Sovereign,

(ii) the Governor-General of Canada or a former Governor-General,

(iii) the Prime Minister of Canada or a Cabinet Minister of Canada from Alberta,

(iv) the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta,

(v) the Premier or a Cabinet Minister of Alberta, on public buildings throughout the Province.

(b) In the case of the death of a Member of Parliament, on public buildings in the Member's riding.

(c) In the case of the death of a Senator, on public buildings in the place of residence of the Senator.

(d) In the case of the death of an M.L.A., on the Legislative Building and on public buildings in the Member's riding.

(e) In the case of the death of a Mayor of a city or town, on public buildings of that city or town.

(f) In the case of the death of a Judge of the Supreme Court or District Courts, on the Legislative Building and on the building in which the Judge presided.

(g) On other occasions, special instructions may be issued.

Flags are normally flown at half-mast from the time of notification of death up to and including the day of the funeral.

When the flag is raised to the half-mast position or lowered from it, it is first raised to full mast and then lowered.

A flag should never be used to cover a speaker's table or to drape in front of a platform, nor should it be allowed to touch the floor.

The flag is used as a drape only on a casket of the dead or for the unveiling of a monument.

When a flag becomes faded or worn, it should be disposed of by burning. This should be done quietly and without ceremony. It is not considered an act of disrespect to burn an unserviceable flag.

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